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This is the eighth volume in a series of publications brought out by the Vocation Bureau during the past two years. The others are *The Machinist*, *Banking*, *The Baker*, *Confectionery Manufacture*, *The Architect*, *The Landscape Architect*, and *The Grocer*. Though it does not differ materially in scope or method from the earlier studies, *The Department Store* is more extensive and more carefully prepared. Successive chapters describe the origin and growth of this type of mercantile institution and the organization of its activities such as merchandising and buying, superintending and selling, office and advertising departments. Consideration is also given to welfare work and questions of pay and promotion. There is a brief bibliography.

Like the rest in the series, this book is designed primarily for the use of teachers and others in counseling parents and boys in regard to the choice of a vocation. For this purpose it is desirable to know what inducements the industry or occupation has to offer to boys, and on the other hand what demands it will make on them in the matter of character, habits, and training. The number of positions, the lines of promotion, rates of pay as beginners and after experience, etc., are carefully ascertained and conservatively stated. The reasons for failure to advance are inquired into and

explained. In most cases statistics are gathered from authoritative sources, to indicate the general trend of the business as to rate of growth and probable future development.

The drawbacks in each case are explained, such as the substitution of machinery for skilled handicraft, of women and children for men, and the lack of opportunities for promotion from lower to higher positions.

Perhaps the most important phase of the work is the massing of expert opinion, gotten at first hand from those who have been long engaged in the business, whether as employers or employees, in regard to the aptitudes and training necessary for success in the occupations considered. This helps to guard against the great misfortune of misfits which are so numerous in every line of activity and which are so hard to remedy in later life.

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